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For: INFORMATION RECORDING AND  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND A  
METHOD OF CONTROLLING AN  
INFORMATION RECORDING AND  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**MS PCT  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.